

Mr. ROHRABACHER. Madam Speaker, as the vote on health insurance reform approaches, I've become increasingly troubled at the things that this bill fails to do.

Despite claims to the contrary, the Democrat bill fails to decrease health care costs. We keep hearing about how people are being cost out of the market; they can't afford their health care, but it does not decrease health care costs. In fact, the bill would increase the cost of health care in the form of higher premiums and exorbitant new taxes on families. Furthermore, it will not prevent funds from going to illegal aliens or abortions. So that's what it doesn't do.

What does it do? Well, this legislation will make sure the American people are more addicted to socialism because we will be more dependent on the Federal bureaucracy. What it will do is create a \$1 trillion new program, even when we can't afford the current programs.

Well, what we need to do is to make sure that we come up with a list of reforms that is a bipartisan list. The Democrats have actually ignored what Republicans have offered to reform the system in order to transform it. Well, they're transforming it by making backroom deals. That's not what the American people want.

Let's come forward with what we believe in and how to make the system better and work together. But we have to start by voting "no" on this legislation.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. LAMBORN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LAMBORN. Madam Speaker, I rise today on behalf of my constituents who tell me time and time again that they do not want a government-run health care plan. In spite of all this protest, Democrats are seeking to jam the bill down the taxpayers' throats through a convoluted legislative rule known as the Slaughter solution. This scheme allows a vote on a rule that would deem the Senate version of the health care bill to be passed without bringing the actual bill up for a vote.

Constituents send their Members of Congress to Washington to represent their interests through votes. The Slaughter House rule would violate our constitutional pledge to protect and defend the Constitution.

To pass a bill of this magnitude through a procedural gimmick like the Slaughter House rule would be a cowardly cover-up. What exactly is the majority afraid of? Why are they trying to hide their vote?

The American people deserve an open and honest vote.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. DENT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1

minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. DENT. Madam Speaker, you know, for the better part of a year, we have devoted the lion's share of our attention to health care reform, and this is where we are today. From the Speaker of the House, "We have to pass the bill so that you can find out what's in it." That's simply unbelievable, and it's wrong.

You know, I have worked with my colleagues on both sides of the aisle to develop proposals that will lower costs, expand access, and improve quality. I regret very much where we are today in terms of both the policy and the process.

Policywise, there is a lot we don't know. We haven't seen this reconciliation fix-it bill. We don't have a score from the CBO. We're talking about 1/6 of our American economy, but we haven't seen it yet.

Let's talk about what we do know, the bill that we have seen, the Senate health care bill. This bill will increase taxes by more than a half a trillion dollars. It will slash Medicare by nearly a half a trillion dollars, all to create a \$1 trillion entitlement program. Families who purchase coverage in the individual market will see an average increase in their premium of \$2,300.

This is not the reform the American people want.

Unbelievably, the process is even worse than the policy. In the coming days, the powerful Rules Committee will meet up there in that room on the third floor and, according to reports, it will use an arrogant manipulation of our legislative process.

I say defeat this bill. The American people deserve better.

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#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. LUJÁN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. LUJÁN. Madam Speaker, I would like to ask my friends on the other side of the aisle some questions: Why do you want to let health insurance companies deny people because of pre-existing conditions? Why do you want people to lose their coverage if they lose their jobs? Why do you want to let insurance companies drop people when they get sick?

There is a simple choice. Either you want to stand up for the American people or you want to stand up for insurance companies. It has been clear over the last year that my friends on the other side of the aisle would rather stand up for health insurance companies. They would rather let insurance companies raise their rates by 25 percent like they did in my State of New Mexico. They would rather let families' premiums double by 2020, increasing from \$12,100 to \$25,600. They would rather let employer premiums increase by 98 percent by 2020.

This reform bill isn't perfect, but it stops insurance companies from denying people for preexisting conditions, it provides more choice, it lowers costs, it stops insurance companies from dropping people who are sick, it helps small businesses by giving them tax credits, and it helps seniors by making prescription drugs more affordable.

It's time to act. It's time to reform.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. CAMP asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. CAMP. Americans do not want a government takeover of health care. They do not want a 2,000-page bill that puts Federal bureaucrats in charge of their personal health care decisions. They do not want a half-a-trillion-dollar cut to Medicare to fund a new entitlement program. And they do not want a half-a-trillion-dollar increase in taxes, or \$1 trillion in new Federal spending. They do not want the back room deals that were cut to buy off special interests. And they certainly do not want a health care bill that will increase the cost of their health insurance.

But that is exactly what the Democrat bill does. And that is exactly what the Democrats are trying to cram through Congress this week. If the majority wants to pass this bill, they ought to have the guts to hold an up-or-down vote and not try to hide from the American people what is really being voted on.

Madam Speaker, Americans do not want and can't afford this bill. Let's scrap it and start over.

#### HEALTH CARE REFORM

(Mr. HOLT asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. HOLT. Madam Speaker, process, process, process. What legislative parliamentary process are we using? It is a distraction. That is what someone talks about when they can't debate the content or they run out of lies or misdirections about the substance of an argument.

I don't think the woman from New Jersey is any more interested in our process today to guarantee that she has reliable coverage than she is concerned about what process the insurance company used to compose the letter saying that because she is sick, her coverage is rescinded. She prefers to have the guaranteed coverage.

Do you think a small businessman in New Jersey cares what process the insurance company used to arrive at a 25 percent increase in premiums? Or the process we use to limit the out-of-pocket expenses a person must spend for coverage?

Enough using procedures to stall and delay. Let's get it done, to provide consumer protections for everyone. Let's